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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

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SUBJECT: Comments on Rowen's Agenda of Projective, Potentially
Important (Even If Unlikely) Contingencies

I understand that only three anticipatory papers are being seriously considered (see the attached memo from Gries to Rowen).

Permanent Vietnamese Occupation of Kampuchea

This is a subject that EAA is pursuing. We currently are drafting a SNIE that, at least in passing, will address the question of permanent Vietnamese occupation. We have on our research program a paper "Strains within ASEAN, China, Vietnam, and the Kampuchean Conflict" (scheduled for June '82). In addition, we have a research paper scheduled for June '82 entitled "The Viability of the Regime in Kampuchea." The questions that Dave raises in his description of the paper are legitimate ones for us to address, although outside support from consultants might be useful [redacted]

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China and Taiwan Consequences of Reunification

Dave's description is better than the one in Harry's original paper. We will address what is happening to make reunification more likely and what tactics might be used by the two sides. Our emphasis would be on how it might happen rather than if. Again, some work by outside consultants on the broad issue of the prospects and significance of reunification might be helpful. [redacted]

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Consequences of Possible Detente in Sino-Soviet Relations

It is not clear that we could provide much new insight into this problem. A NIE was done on this subject not too long ago. Its conclusions probably remain valid. A broad overview by academicians could be interesting although it probably would not contribute too much to our understanding. [redacted]

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